STOCKS DROP IN A STEADY DECLINE

Public Buyers Refuse to Enter the Market and Professionals Who Bought to Start a Rise Are Unloading.

BROKERS ARE DISAPPOINTED

Conditions To-Day Favor Advance, but List Goes Steadily Backward -Metropolitan Weakest Issue and Good Earnings Fatt to Help B.R.T.

Every one felt better, the general sen-Pfment was that the business outlook aws becoming brighter, that the South us and the West laden was prosperous and the West laden with wealth and what was more to the purpose with money -all this was felt and more before the opening of the stock market to-day and it was freely predicted that prices would advance. Instead they barely held steady at the opening and then began to decline and tell slowly but surely until the close.

The declining values changed sentiment and where there had been optimism there was pessimism and lower prices still were talked of. But there was one question asked in many quarters: What is the matter with the market? The matter as a conservative trader explained is that the public will not buy stocks and the professionals who bought three weeks ago are tired of carrying their loads and are lightuning them as fast as they can.

Atchison resisted the decline better than most issues. The strike which threatens to tie up the whole road named a decline of 5-8 of a point. Metropolitan was the weakest issue on the list. It lost 31-4 points, but later regain 1-4. Brooklyn Rapid Transit, although reporting larger earnings for April than for sime time, and just at the opening of the Coney Island season, was off with the general market, and and the bull pool which has been operting in the stock took no active part ni the trading. Wabash was weak on the heavy los in grsoss and net due to heavy floods and snow blocades. The other Gould issues were also weak. St. Louis Sothwestern, whose reports lately have been bad, lost a point, and Mispour Pacific declined 5-8.

The gold shipments, which, with the \$3,000,000 to go to-morrow, makes a total since April 7 of \$23,225,000, also had a slightly depressing effect upon senti-

- A factor of some importance was the Japanese victory on the Yalu which. it is believed, might upset the Paris Bourse and have an eff. c in London to-morrow which woul extend to this market. The bond market held well and was more active than the stock trading. In the late afternoon there were several efforts made to rally the market and prices advanced fractionally only to decline as soon as the effort was abandoned.

The total sales of stocks were 301,200 shares, and of bonds \$1,526,000.

The Closing Quotations.

To-day's highest and closing prices and changes from Saturday's closing prices net changes from Saturday's clo

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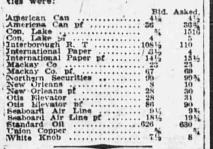
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STOCKS DULL ON THE CURB

Northern Securities Shares a De cline on the Outside Market.

Fractional losses were noted in the ing was dull. Northern Securities was one of the losers. The bid and asked prices of the principal outside securi-



LEHIGH DECLARES DIVIDEND. PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—The Board of Directors of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company to-day declared a semi-annual didend of 31-2 per cent. This places the dividend on a basis of 7 per cent, annually. It was formerly a per cent, annually. It was formerly a per cent, Edward W. Clark was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Edward W. Clarg.ar.

WIDOW SUES FOR \$13,000 BONDS

Mrs. Carlile Says Husband's Partner Kept Them, and Now She Wants Them—He Denies that He Sold Them.

Lily Carlile, an attractive young wid ow, was the plaintiff before Justice Court, Manhattan, to-day in a suit for \$13,000 worth of bonds from Lionel B. of the local bridge trains-except dur-Whymper.

Mrs. Carlile said that Whymner and her husband were partners in the blcycle business and that when her husband died in 1902 he left bonds of the par value of \$13,000 and actually worth \$7,-131.35, in Whymper's keeping for her. Ex-Judge Pinney cross-examined Mrs. Carlile and brought out the fact that she and Mr. Whymper went to Europe

on the same steamship.
"How did you go together?" asked Judge Pinney.

she had never asked Whymper for money nor requested him to borrow money for her, whereupon the cross-exwidow admitted she wrote the man she

It was dated "London, June 30, 1903." and began, "My own Barney," closed, "With all my love, I, am, as ever, lov-

It said she was ill, hard up, five weeks in arrears for her board, and asked Whymper to see of he could not porrow money enough for her to ge back to New York. It also said:

"I can't bear up under this strain much longer. Write some explanation of your extraordinary treatment of me. At this point an adjournment of the

Whymper's defense is a denial of any onversion of the bonds, and that even f he had sold them Mrs. Carlile, by a agreement entered into last Septembra had waived it and accepted a promis of payment.

WHEAT MARKET.

The wheat market opened steady to lay with little speculative feature. De liveries of 195,000 bushels were made of May contracts, or practically all the stock here, and this checked any sensational developments in that option. New York's opening prices were Wheat-May, 921-2; July, 90; Septem ber, 83 1-2. Corn-July, 53 3-8; May, 55 1-2

bid.
Chicago's opening prices were: Wheat
—May, \$95-8 to \$93-4; July, \$47-8 to \$51-2;
September, \$01-2 to \$05-8 to \$93-4. Corn
—May, 495-4; July, 483-8 to 481-8; December, 441-8.
New York's closing prices were: Wheat—May, 817-8; July, 891-2 bid;
September, 833-8; December, 831-3. Corn
—May, 555-8; July, 521-2.
Chicago's closing prices were: Wheat
—July, 851-2 to 953-8; September, \$0.
Corn—May, 457-8 bid; July, 477-8 to 48;
September, 473-4 to 477-8; December, 41 bid.

COTTON MARKET.

Weak cables from Liverpool caused the local market to open from 6 to 10 points lower to-day. There was further bear pressure at the start, and also positions, due to the favorable weather news. The market was wholly profes-

sional with sentiment bearish.

The opening prices were: May, 13.40 to 13.42; June. 13.52 offered; July, 13.54 to 13.65; August, 13.31 bil; September, 11.87 offered; October, 11.36 to 11.37; December, 11.20 to 11.21; January, 11.23 to

BEST INDORSES BRIDGE SERVICE

Commissioner Declares B. R T.'s New Scheme Meets with His Approval and Gets Better All the Time.

The Bridge Department appears to be in accord with the new system of Howard, of Rennsalaler in the Supreme the B. R. T. in running its Elevated trains over the bridge to take the place ng the rush hours. Bridge Commissioner Best and Chief Engineer Nichols, who have investigated the operations of the new service, stated to-day that a better service would ultimately re

ult by reason of the change. While a number of men employed on the local bridge service have been discharged they said a proportionately larger number of men will be required for the through elevated service. The discharged men, however, deny this, Judge Pinney.

"I lent him \$1,800. We want on the only robbed them of employment but same boat," said Mrs. Carille. She said will result in depriving the public of

certain advantages.
"It has long been the policy of this department," said the Commissioner toeminer introduced a letter which the day, "to cause to be run as many as possible through elevated trains. We elieve that a larger part of the public will be benefited by such a plan.

When the public has become accusomed to the new order of things, we elieve it will be found acceptable."



millions who eat "FORCE" every day, began because a perfect food appealed to their reason.

But most of them eat "FORCE" now just because it's good and they like it.

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B. Altman & Co.

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Beginning to-morrow (Tuesday), May 3d, an important offering will be made of EMBROIDERED NAINSOOK and SWISS ALL-OVERS, to be sold in Waist Lengths of Three and One-Half yards; regular prices \$13.00 to \$25.00 per length, at

10,000 yds. of EMBROIDERY EDGES and INSERTINGS

At 72c. to \$2.00 per Length. Being One-Third Less than Actual Value.

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Nineteenth Street and Sixth Anemie, Nem York Women's Summer Underwear.

NEW YORK.

Fine Cotton and Mercerized Silk Sarments At a Phenomenally

Double "5, & H." Green Trading Stamps flornings This Week from 8.30 till 12 o'Clock-Thereafter, Single Stamps Until Closing Hour.

Low Price. News that will make women shoppers open their eyes in



We place on sale to-morrow a large mill's entire stock of women's liste thread, fine cotton and mercerized Silk Knit Underwear. These garments were obtained under exceptional price conditions and are marked at a figure that will make them eagerly sought. Many of the Vests and Drawers are technically classified as 'seconds," but the flaws are so infinitesimal as to be practically beyond observation.

The stock comprises Women's lace trimmed lisle thread or cotton side band Drawers with pearl buttons; Women's fine shaped cotton Vests,

with long or short sleeves; Women's fine mercerized Swiss ribbed Silk Vests, plain or lace trimmed, in white, sky blue, pink and black.

Regular and extra sizes in the Drawers. Made to be sold up-Drawers. Made to be sold up-ward to 75c. each. To-morrow

Hosts of "Feature" Sales At The Big Store.

1—The Spring Sale of Household and Fancy Linens.

2—May Sale of Fluslin Underwear for Women, Children and Misses.

3—Advance Summer Styles in Women's Tailored Suits.

4—Thousands of yards of Dress Goods at Popular Prices.

These are among the foremost events for to-morrow, and which gain the attention of thousands of people who have found from pleasant and profitable experience that the Siegel Cooper Store is pre-eminently, as one magazine writer said "The mos

Fruit of the Loom Muslin.

We sold thousands of yards of Fruit of the Loom Muslin to-day at 4c. a yard. To-morrow there will be another immense quantity on sale at, per yard,

This is a feature of the big sale of Muslins and Household Linens now in piogress at the Siegel-Cooper Stere. (Main Floor, East of Fountain.)

Brooklyn Shoppers most convenient store in New York. It takes only 18 minutes via Third Avenue Elevated from Brooklyn Bridge to Bloomingdales'-and there's no walk-

Quality Rules This Summer Sale of Women's Muslin Undergarments.

Yes, quality's the pivot on which swings every economy chance you'll find in this almost boundless field of white bargain riches. "Quality" stood foremost in our bargaining when we made our contracts for these undergarments, and we were as zealous about seeing that our specifications were stringently followed as we were that price should be so low as to enable us to name

The Lowest Prices We've Ever Been Able to Quote for Such Good Garments.

Now, quality regulates your money-savings, and, figuring from that standpoint, you never had an opportunity of buying Summer Underwear of cambric, nainsook and muslin at such little prices.

25c-Muslin, voke of six clusters of tucks, trimmed with cambric ruf-fle. No mail orders. 39c-Muslin, V neck, yoke of six rows of Valenciennes lace insertion

between lawn bands, trimmed with cambric ruffle. 39c-Cambric, low neck and short sleeves, trimmed with embroidered edge and insertion.

49c—Surplice gown, trimmed with wide embroidered insertion around neck and hemstitched ruffle. 59c-Muslin. V neck, yoke of hem-stitched tucks and insertion and embroidered ruffle; also several other styles. 59c-Cambric, two styles; surplice

gown with elbow sleeves; yoke of six Val. lace insertions and tucks, finished with lace and ribbon. 59c—Nainsook, fine quality; surplice gown; with elbow sleeves, prettily trimmed with Val. lace. 69c—Muslin, V neck, yoke of hem-stitched tucks and embroidered in-

sertions, with embroidered ruffle. 79c-Nainsook, chemise gown, handsomely trimmed with two rows of Val. lace insertion, ribbon beading and lace edge.

The Cambric, surplice style, with three rows of lace insertion around neck, finished with lace, ribbon and

98c-Nainsook, surplice style, with yoke of five rows of blind emroidered insertion and tucks, finished with fine embroidered ruffle

98c-Nainsook, two styles, surplice style, very handsomely trimmed with lace and insertion and wash ribbon. Others up to \$12.49. Corset Covers.

5c-Cambric, high neck and square neck style; well made and perfect

fitting. No mail orders. 9c—Cambric, square neck, trimmed with embroidery. No mail orders.

19c—Cambric, round neck, full-front, trimmed with two rows of Valenciennes lace insertion and lace

29c-Cambric and lawn, round neck, blouse front, with four rows of Cluny lace insertion across front and lace edge. 39c-Nainsook, round neck, trimmed

with six rows of Valenciennes lace insertion down front and lace and ribbon around neck. 49c—Nainsook, round neck, blouse

front, trimmed with two rows of fine Valenciennes lace insertion (new pattern) and lace edge with ribbon around neck. Others up to \$5.00. Chemises.

Of this one particular

style we've not an overly

large lot, and as this style

is one of the most demanded

of all our styles of silk coats

we'd advise you to get here

early to-morrow to take

advantage of this extraor-

tra deep cape ruffles over

with full lace ruffles.

Made of fine taffeta, ex-

18c—Muslin, good quality, trimmed with cambric ruffle. No mail orders.

29c-Muslin, round neck, trimmed with embroidered ruffle and feather-stitched band. No mail orders. 39c-Cambric and muslin, round and

square neck; trimmed with wide embroidered insertion, feather-stitching and hemstitched ruffle. 49c-Cambric, extra long, with Val. lace and insertion around neck bottom trimmed with tucked ruffle. Others up to \$6.98.

Drawers.

19c-Muslin, umbrella ruffle of cambric, with hemstitched tucks; no mail orders.

19c-Muslin, deep cambric ruffle, trimmed with lace; no mail orders filled. 29c-Cambric, deep lawn umbrella

ruffle, trimmed with two rows of lace insertion and lace edge. 39c-Cambric, lawn ruffle with two

clusters of tucks and ruffle of fine embroidery. 49c-Cambric, deep umbrella ruffle with two clusters of tucks and ruf-fle of fine embroidery.

59c-Cambric, umbreila ruffle of very fine sheer lawn, trimmed with three rows of fine torchon lace in-sertion and lace edge, also with the new ball lace and insertion. 69c-Cambric, umbrella ruffle of fine sheer lawn with hemstitched tucks and Point de Paris lace and insertion.

Others up to \$5.98.

Skirts.

39c-Muslin, two styles, one with lawn ruffle and hemstitched tucks, and one with cambric ruffle and deep hemstitched hem. 49c.-Muslin, two styles,

flounce with two rows of torchon lace insertion and lace edge, and one with lace ruffles. 69c—Cambric, three styles; one with

deep flounce trimmed with three rows of torchon lace insertion and lace edge; one with tucked flounce trimmed with deep embroidered 89c-Cambric, lawn flounce, trim-

med with two rows of ball lace in-sertion and tucks, finished with tucked ruffle, edged with lace. 98c—Cambric; three styles; one with lawn flounce trimmed with four rows of Val. lace insertion and ruffle on edge of flounce, with lace and insertion. and insertion; also with three rows

of Cluny lace insertion and lace

ruffle. Others up to \$22.50. Second Floor, hear Rotus A Special in Women's Fine White Lawn Waists at 79c

Exceptionally pretty garments of fine white lawn, with fronts composed of wide and narrow pleats, and trimmed with hemstitched embroidery inserting a n d medallions; plaited backs; hemstitched tucked cuffs. shoulders, front laid in pleats and sleeves finished son's hest values if you

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turn-over collar and pretty You'll be missing one of the seaare not here to-morrow to buy one of these



Specially Low Prices on Smart New Dress Fabrics.

dinary value.

Women's \$16 Fancy Coats of

Taffeta, To-Morrow \$9.75.

Dress goods and suitings of the modish sorts are offered in this special sale at prices to make quick buying among shrewd shoppers. Crepe Albatross, 16c. a Yard.

About 17,000 yards of this popular fabric, in handsome shades of light blue, pink, nile, rose, cadet, reseda, navy, cream and black.

29c. Yard---50c. and 59c. Materials. All-wool canvas etamines, serges, granites, plain and fancy mohair brill-

39c. Yard---59c., 75c and \$1 Materials. 43-inch all-wool nun's veiling. All in most desirable colors. 56-inch all-wool tweed suitings. 50-inch reversible mohair Sicilians. 45-inch all-wool diagonal suitings.

French challis, in polka dots, floral and other pretty designs, as well as satin stripe effects with neat figures.

Main Floor, near Rotunda.

To-Morrow We Offer Handsome Cloth Copyrighted Books, 39c.

Worthy additions, all of them, to any library from which they

They're in large 12mo size, beautifully bound in cloth, with pretty, new and distinctive cover designs; many of them illustrated. The Career of Mrs. Osborne Hester Blair, Carson. The Middle Course, Bige-Will Carle | Abraham Lincoln's speeches. Love or Crown, W. March e Captain of the Jan-zaries, M. Ludlow. Duke, J. Storer Clous-Trifler. Archibald Red Anvil, Sherlock.

Playing Cards, 10c. Pack.

This special for to-morrow only-fine ivory finished playing cards, with long distance index, blue and red assorted backs -splendid quality. Cards that should sell for 25c.

19c for Men's Underwear.

The good spring weight, first quality eeru balbriggan.
Shirts have either long or short sleeves—drawers double-stitched throughout, with double seats. Sizes 34 to 46. Get your size to-morrow at 19c. a garment. No mail orders filled.

Fine Gold-Filled Watches, Thin-Model Design, \$4.95.



These watches were made by one of the most reliable manufacturers in the country and are fully Guaranteed for Five Years.

They are in the latest thin-model style. in 12 size; have handsomely engraved gold-filled hunting cases; are titted with seven-jewelled American movements.

Special sale price tc-morrow, \$4.95.

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Warm weather coming—here's the chance to get enough collars. Every one of these collars is guaranteed four-ply, made of fine Austrian fabric—a material that gives as good wear as any 15c. collar you can buy

40 styles for choice—sold only by the half dozen—you may, however, select six different styles if you so desire.

Main Floor, 60th St. Section.

Night Shirls for Men, 39c.

Of good soft-finished cambric, in the comfortable collarless style-large and roomy in every detail.

They're nicely trimmed with fast-colored borders, as well as in plain white; 52 inches in length.

> Sizes 15 to 20. Easily worth 55c. each. Mail orders promptly filled.

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